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AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO
DECISION ON APPEAL
DATED AUGUST 31, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Decision on Appeal (“the Decision”) in Appeal No. 2005-1285, mailed on August 31, 2005, which has been carefully reviewed and studied. Appellants are pleased with the conclusion of the Board to reverse the examiners rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and § 112, first paragraph, and understandably less pleased with their decision to enter a new rejection of claims 3 and 4. Applicants herein elect to reopen prosecution and while in no way agreeing with the Board’s conclusions regarding claims 3 and 4, in order to progress the application more rapidly towards allowance, Applicants have elected to amend claims 3 and 4, entirely without prejudice or disclaimer (see below).

A two month non-extendable time limit for response is set forth in the Decision. This response is therefore timely filed, and Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.